

PHANTOM LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
February 23, 2006
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Approved Minutes

Steve Barber, chairperson, called the meeting of the Phantom Lakes Management District to order at 7:10 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Carol Fait, Grace Graham, Town of Mukwonago Representative David Dubey and Waukesha County Representative Karen McNelly. Pete Kumlien and Steve Verduyn were excused. There was one resident present.

S. Barber acknowledged that the meeting was properly noticed.

Open Forum - Richard Jenks and K. McNelly commented on how informative the Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL) Workshop was on February 18th.

Announcements & Correspondence - K. McNelly conveyed that the overall opinion given at the recent Workshop was that the City of Waukesha does not believe the Municipal Wells in Waukesha are causing any problems nor do they have any problems relating to the wells. However, speakers at the Workshop shared additional information indicating that there is a problem in Waukesha and how one of the deep wells in Waukesha is drawing from other aquifers outside of the City of Waukesha. The City of Waukesha is looking for additional shallow wells in 13 different locations. WAL will be putting information on all three presentations on the Wisconsin Association of Lakes website at www.wisconsinlakes.org. Richard Jenks commented also, that it is critical for citizens to read "Protecting Wisconsin's Water - A Conservation Report and Toolkit" by Midwest Environmental Advocates.

K. McNelly announced that P. Kumlien will be speaking to the Groundwater Committee in Madison about changing the definition of a "Spring" which will hopefully pave the way for new groundwater legislation.

S. Barber announced on March 25th there will be a presentation for any interested members of the public at Carroll College in Waukesha, "Waterwise in Waukesha County" from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This informative program will discuss water conservation techniques, new technologies and trends for communities that rely on well water in their municipal systems.

K. McNelly commented that Gina Krause gave her a copy of a tax bill for a sliver of property that parallels the river east of the Lower Phantom dam next to County Road ES after the last meeting. This parcel is surrounded by the Village of Mukwonago property. K. McNelly did some research on this property with SEWRPC. Ruekert & Mielke's records showed no ownership of the dam, no access to the property and date of transfer of the property. S. Barber will check into the warranty deed for this property, whether there is an easement to this property and if there is an easement to access the dam. The Board needs to determine how to access this property, why we have this property, and if we want to keep this property.

In response to concerns expressed by Wahl Avenue residents at the January meeting of the PLMD, D. Dubey stated that he presented this issue to the Town of Mukwonago Engineer who indicates that he does not believe any excess drainage along Wahl Avenue will travel down the new conveyor site driveway, causing unwanted erosion. Also that the Village has offered to install a paved turn around at the end of Wahl Avenue. The Village is willing to pave part of the drive for us with our permission. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

Secretary's Report - Motion made to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting on January 26, by D. Dubey. Second by K. McNelly, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - S. Barber summarized the Treasurer's Report. The total bills to be paid were \$1,152.25 and total deposits of \$13,132.55. Motion made by G. Graham to approve and pay the bills. Second by C. Fait, motion carried.

Well Update - S. Barber and D. Dubey reported that the Village of Mukwonago has a signed agreement with Dr. Glenn & Lisa Caine to conduct testing to make the initial determination as to the feasibility of placing a shallow municipal well on their property located at W1032 County Road J in Mukwonago. These tests are very preliminary and involve electronic echo soundings, creating minimal impact at the site.

Grant - S. Barber met with Town Planner Cathy Moore and he presented a map of the parcels to the Board that the District may want to purchase. He stated the clean-up costs may be very expensive. The Board discussed what might become of the parcels that are along the flood plain. K. McNelly stated that there might come a time in the future when the District might need this land for winter storage of the harvesting equipment and she also feels this proposed property would be a superb location for a public beach. Therefore, this may be the only opportunity for the Lake District, Town, or Village to have a nice public beach since there is no municipal pool in the Village of Mukwonago. She would like to see the Town, Village and the Lake District get together and see what the property should be utilized for to benefit the citizens of the area. She stated that this would be an excellent opportunity to work on a project together. S. Barber echoed that sentiment. The Board would like to know if residents of the District would support acquiring this property before money is spent getting an appraisal. S. Barber will contact the Town & Village to see if they would be interested in working together. The cost of the purchase of property and clean-up is still unknown.

Presentation of Completed Lake Management Plan - S. Barber stated Jeff Thornton from SEWRPC is expected to give a presentation at the next meeting in March.

Groundwater Guardian Program - K. McNelly commented that we are all going to be affected by the need for Municipal Wells and the Groundwater Community Program needs to be formed. Richard Jenks would greatly appreciate any assistance from concerned members in the area to establish a Groundwater Community. Anyone interested in working with Richard Jenks on the Groundwater Community Program may reach him at 363-5220.

Discussion of Hourly Pay for Gina Krause - The Board agreed upon the excellent performance over the past year of Secretary/Treasurer Assistant Gina Krause. G. Graham made a Motion to increase the rate of pay from \$12.00 per hour to \$14.00 per hour. This rate is consistent with other Secretary/Treasurer Assistant pay in the area. Second by C. Fait, motion carried.

The Board did not go into closed session under 19.85(1) (c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

At 8:45 p.m., C. Fait moved to adjourn, second by D. Dubey, motion carried.

Regular Meeting - The board will meet **Thursday, March 23, 2006** at the Mukwonago Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Krause

Treasurer/Secretary Assistant